

Issue Brief – Training Equipment

NUMBER UCAT-06

SUMMARY

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends a one-time appropriation in the amount of \$2,122,300 for the purchase of equipment for the Utah College of Applied Technology. This funding would purchase equipment for the training and instruction of students.

OBJECTIVE

To provide students with up-to-date training and educational opportunities, current equipment and technology must be available.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The UCAT institutions have an equipment budget of \$837,000. This budget is part of the Central Administration budget, which is then distributed among the campuses. The Analyst recommends a one-time appropriation of \$2,122,300 to augment this budget. Business and industry expect students who are trained with current equipment and technology. To provide useful training to students, UCAT campuses must be able to replace older obsolete equipment with current technology. This is especially true today with technology improving so quickly. Each campus has a list of equipment that would be beneficial to their respective programs. The following list describes some of those equipment requests. The funding would be used for instructional and applied technology education equipment, such as that shown in the table below.

UCAT Training Equipment			
<u>Campus</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>
BATC	Auto Collision	Alignment rack	\$95,000
BATC	Practical Nursing	Virtual Nursing Lab	\$225,000
BATC	Diesel Mechanics	Chassis Dynamometer	\$60,000
BATC	Electronics	Digital Oscilloscopes	\$55,000
DATC	Practical Nursing	Virtual Nursing Lab	\$258,200
DATC	Machine Tool	Lathes and Milling Machines	\$154,000
DXATC	Pharmacy Technician	Lab Equipment	\$50,000
MATC	Practical Nursing	Virtual Nursing Lab	\$230,000
OWATC	Composites Lab	Composite Equipment	\$250,000
OWATC	Lean Manufacturing	Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$200,000
OWATC	Campus wide upgrade	GEO Max Circuit upgrades	\$45,000
SEATC	Mine Rescue	Mine Rescue Apparatus	46,000
SLTATC	Welding	Welding equipment	34,100
SWATC	Welding	Welding equipment	50,000
SWATC	Professional Truck Driving	Driving Simulator	95,000
UBATC	Well Control/Gas Production	Well Control Simulator	140,000
UCAT	All Programs	Computer Upgrades	135,000
Total			<u>\$2,122,300</u>

